

OPPOSE SHORTENING OF SCHOOL SESSION

Mayor and Some of Council-
men Think School Board
Should Go Very Slow.

MEANS UNDESIRABLE PUBLICITY OF CITY

Col. Jones Thinks Trustees Should
Operate Schools for Full Term and
Try to Wipe Out Deficit Gradually
by Curtailing Expenses in Other Di-
rections.

Strong opposition to the shortening of the present session of the city public school has developed and it is certain that a strenuous fight against such action will be made on the floor of the school board. The closing of the schools ten days before the end of the full term was recommended by the finance committee at the last meeting of the board in order that the impending deficit for the session might be reduced. The trustees referred the recommendation to a retrenchment committee and some of the members of that committee have recently been talking about closing the schools on May 31, instead of June 10.

Mayor Maryus Jones, several members of the city council and some of the trustees have put themselves on record as opposing any reduction in the length of the school term and they believe that in the end such action would be false economy.

What the Mayor Says.
In discussing the matter yesterday, Mayor Jones said that he thought the board should go very slow in considering this matter. To close the schools ten days before the end of the term and thus advise to the world that Newport News hasn't money enough to keep its school system up would, the mayor said, give the city undesirable advertising that must work harm to the city. He thinks that the trustees should keep the schools open the full term and then see if other expenses cannot be curtailed so as to gradually wipe out the deficit.

Councilmen J. J. Cheadle, of the First ward, and E. E. Christie, of the Second ward, also are opposed to shortening the school term. Mr. Cheadle says that he is opposed to cutting off any money from the teachers as they are but poorly paid at best and need every cent that they can earn teaching school. If necessary, he thinks, that the board should drop some of the special teachers for the present, at least.

Teachers Up in Arms.
Naturally most of the teachers employed in the schools are violently opposed to any curtailing of the length of the session. They claim that they signed contracts to teach nine months and should be paid for the full term. It was reported yesterday that the board could not legally close the schools before the end of the term because of the wording of the contracts with the teachers. These contracts bind the board to pay the teachers so much salary for nine months unless the contract is terminated "for cause." It is claimed by some that the board cannot make the "cause" and that the services of the teachers can be dispensed with only when the teachers give "cause" for the annulling of the contracts.

Want Joint Purchasing Board.
Some of the members of the school board want the city council to give the school board representation on the purchasing committee which is to be created by the council to purchase all of the city's supplies. The trustees point out that the city and the board use much of the same kind of supplies and that the purchasing committee could buy for both the council and the school board. It is believed that this would mean a saving in both the expenses of the city government and the schools. This matter may be taken up at the meeting of the council's retrenchment committee Tuesday night.

"Pruning" Committee to Meet.
The retrenchment committee of the board will hold its meeting tomorrow night at the High school building and the matter of "pruning" the expenses of the board will be gone over very carefully. Some of the trustees who have examined into the matter claim that at least \$2,000 can be cut off the expenses for janitors. Another cut can be made in the purchasing of supplies. It is claimed.

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Spanking does not cure children on bed-wetting. There is a constitution cause for this trouble. Mrs. M. Summers, Box W. Notre Dame, Ind., will send free to any mother her successful home treatment, with full instructions. Send no money, but write her today if your children trouble you in this way. Don't blame the child. The chances are it can't help it. This treatment also cures adults and aged people troubled with urine discharging by day or night.

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SOCIAL-PERSONAL.

The Senior Assembly will hold its final german of the season at the Chamberlin Hotel Tuesday night. This will be the first social function on the Peninsula following the Lenten season and society will be out in force. The cars will leave this city at 7:30 o'clock in the evening and the return trip will be made after midnight.

The patronesses for the german will be: Mesdames H. C. Blackstone, Walter A. Post, Homer L. Ferguson, Clarence W. Robinson, I. B. Manville and J. Kennedy Coras.

Miss Beatrice Bulla, who is attending Vassar College, arrived home yesterday to spend the Easter holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bulla, at the Clinton apartments.

Mr. W. R. McMurran, of Wilmington, N. C., is spending the Easter holidays with his mother, Mrs. M. A. McMurran, on Thirty-fourth street.

Mrs. C. L. Putzel returned yesterday from Crewe, Va., accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Lewis, who will spend sometime here.

Lenny S. Edwards and daughter, Miss Irbly Edwards, left yesterday for Norfolk, where they will be the guests of Mrs. Edwards' son.

Mr. J. Roland White, of Camden, N. J., is spending the Easter holidays with friends in this city.

Mr. W. L. Lewis, who was operated upon recently at the Elizabeth Hospital, has been moved to her home in this city.

Miss Margaret Gregory, who has been visiting relatives in Johnston, Pa., has returned to her home in this city. Her sister, Mrs. M. J. Klingaman, accompanied her home and will be her guest for several days.

Miss Grace Richardson has gone to Bluefield, West Virginia, to visit relatives and friends.

Miss Dollie Evans has returned from a visit to relatives in Harrisonburg. Miss Alice Evans accompanied her home and will be her guest here.

Mrs. R. E. Walters on Jefferson avenue has as her guest, her sister, Miss Frances Belliver, of Washington, D. C.

Mrs. J. M. Slaughter on Twenty-seventh street has as her guest, her sister, Miss Lilia Abbott, of Norfolk.

Miss Grace Rierdon, of Norfolk, is spending the Easter holidays with her cousins, the Misses Rierdon, on Huntington avenue.

The Misses Boring on Huntington avenue have as their guest, their cousin, Miss Jean Boring, of Richmond.

Miss Harman Johnson has returned from Harrisonburg, Pa., where she visited relatives.

Mrs. H. H. Barbour and Miss Carter, of Richmond, who have been the guests of Mrs. E. Penno Heath, in North End, have returned home.

Miss Marston, a prominent society and club woman of Maine, who has been visiting Mrs. E. Penno Heath, on Forty-eighth street, has gone to Washington, D. C.

Miss Dorothy Gannett, of Washington, is the guest of Miss Winifred Seay, at "The Clinton."

Mrs. H. Grubbs has gone to Richmond to attend the funeral of a relative.

RAYMOND HUDSON FINED.

Former Newport News Lawyer Charged With Embezzlement.
Raymond M. Hudson, a former Newport News lawyer, who now lives in Norfolk, was fined \$50 in the Norfolk police court yesterday morning on the charge of embezzling \$60 from B. A. Anderson & Company, of Richmond, Va. He appealed and was released on bond for his appearance in the Corporation Court.

It is alleged that Mr. Hudson was employed to collect certain accounts for Anderson & Company, for which he was to receive a commission of ten percent, and he collected \$45, which he failed to make returns for, and borrowed \$15 additional on the account.

Returns to Connecticut.

J. D. Barton, of East Hampton, Conn., who has been visiting E. D. Root in this city, has returned to his home in East Hampton. While here, Mr. Barton visited the nearby points of interest in Tidewater Virginia and North Carolina and also was a spectator at Justice Brown's police court.

Travel Talk Tomorrow.

Mrs. Walter B. Livezey will give another travel talk tomorrow afternoon at the Huntington school under the auspices of the Joseph Charles Memorial Guild. She will discuss London and Paris and will give illustrated views.

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STATE LEADERS ARE BEHIND JOHN LOCKE

Slomp, Martin and Brown
Take Open Stand in Fight
for Collectorship.

SEND ENDORSEMENT TO PRESIDENT TAFT

Fight Seems to Have Narrowed Down
Between Captain Stuart and Mr.
Locke and Both Sides Are Confident
of Victory—President to Make Ap-
pointment Within a Few Days.

Congressman C. Bascom Slomp, Alvah H. Martin, of Norfolk, and Edwin Brown, of Northumberland, have lined up solidly behind John B. Locke for collector of customs at this port and their endorsements are now in and he too wields much influence in nomination of the collector will be made this week and Mr. Locke's friends feel confident that he will be named.

C. Bascom Slomp, who is the only Republican congressman from Virginia, is the recognized leader of the State party and he naturally carries great weight in the matter of the handing out federal plums in the Old Dominion. Alvah H. Martin is the national committee-man from Virginia and he too wields much influence in the dispensation of federal patronage. Edwin Brown is the State committee-man from the First congressional district of Virginia.

Has Local Endorsement, Too.
Besides the endorsement of the State leaders, Mr. Locke is endorsed by the city Republican executive committee and his friends claim that that endorsement must necessarily carry weight in the fight. Mr. Locke also has the endorsement of many of the leading citizens of Newport News.

With the appointment but a few days distant at the longest, the fight for the collectorship seems to have narrowed down between Mr. Locke and Captain J. E. B. Stuart. While he is not backed by either the city or state organizations, Captain Stuart is wielding powerful influences in the fight and he is still very much in the race. It is said that he has the endorsement of many of the Confederate and Union generals as well as of the Army and Navy Union and other organizations.

Fight Narrowed Down.

Mr. Read and Mr. Garrett are no longer making an active fight for the collectorship and generally they are considered out of the running. Interest in the fight continues to grow, however, and the appointment is anxiously awaited here. It is not expected that the President will send the nomination to the senate before the middle of the present week. Both Mr. Locke and Captain Stuart are in Washington.

James D. Rohiken, the defeated candidate for the postmastership, returned to this city from Washington yesterday morning. While naturally disappointed by his defeat, Mr. Rohiken appears to be taking the matter with good grace and attributes his defeat to the fact that he entered the race too late.

Mr. Rohiken disclaimed any knowledge of a contemplated fight on the floor of the senate against the confirmation of the appointment of W. T. Hopkins as postmaster. He says he has not considered such a thing.

CAPT. PHILLIPS EXONERATED.

Master of Steamer Newport News Not Held Liable for Collision.

Captain F. M. Phillips, master of the Norfolk & Washington steamer Newport News, which is now repairing at the shipyard, has been exonerated by Col. J. W. Oast, chairman of the board of steamboat inspectors for this district, from any blame attaching to the collision between the Newport News and the British steamer Lord Roberts in the lower Chesapeake bay last month.

Vaudeville and Pictures

For Easter week Manager Craff has secured an attraction for the Academy that he is confident will create an immense sensation in this city and vicinity. An idea of the work of D'Amon, "The Great White Mystery," is secured from the following press clipping from the Philadelphia Transcript:

"Chester D'Amon, who is better known as 'The Great White Mystery,' is without exception one of the marvels of the age in mental telepathic work. He has just closed an important engagement at the City Pier, Wildwood, N. J., and created a great sensation by his wonderful performance, for in the class of mental wonders D'Amon stands alone. Almost every act he performs is not only original but marvelous in every particular."

"One part of his wonderful performance is styled Psychromancy or mind reading and the feats he performs is almost beyond belief. It is certainly true that they have never been surpassed and it is doubtful whether they have ever been equalled. He is the first mental marvel that exhibits his mind reading act to full view of his auditors, and at no time, is covered as is usually the case of exhibitions of manifestations given by D'Amon in his exhibitions, are unusually interesting, but his rare feats consists of tracing the whereabouts of articles that have been lost or hidden, giving advice on races, stock quotations, giving advice on races, stock quotations, matters affecting the heart, and on all other questions, that are of interest to those who witness his great work. These answers are all made promptly, and not a little amusement is created by hearing some answer to a name, and upon the receiving their answer they were assured that the name they were transmitting to D'Amon through thought, was not their own name. D'Amon is certainly a wonder."

Other attractive features will be included in the Academy program, among them being Scott Leslie, the "Fashion-plate Singer."

New Bill at The Bell.

Three acts, each of which is said to be above the average to be seen in popular price houses, have been secured for the Bell show this week. The vaudeville turns, together with varied moving picture programs and good music will make up a bill that is expected to be worth two or three times the price of admission.

Miss Louise Hudson, billed as "The Ventriloquist Queen" will head the bill. This young lady has an act that is said to equal those of the master ventriloquists who command tremendous salaries on the big circuits. She is one of the few women to make a success of this line of entertainment.

Prof. Mose Herbert introduces a musical dining table. Meats and vegetables, fruits and flowers appear on the table and make sweet music at the touch of the professor. The third attraction will be Lanier and DeWolfe, a man and a girl, in a novel singing and dancing specialty.

New Show at Dreamland.

George Chrysson has again assumed personal management of the Dreamland theater, and he announces that in the future he proposes to conduct a high class five-cent admission show. The feature attraction will be a selected program of the latest moving pictures, and in addition there will be one vaudeville act for each performance. As usual there will be performances in the afternoon and evening.

A singing and dancing sister team has been secured for the first half of this week as the vaudeville attraction. The moving pictures will be changed regularly, and the management guarantees that they will be of the latest and best.

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OPENING OF BASEBALL SEASON HERE TOMORROW

High School Nine to Meet Picked
Team from Athletics and North
Enders at Casino.

The baseball season in Newport News will be ushered in tomorrow afternoon with a game between the High school nine and a picked team of the Athletics and North Enders. The game will be called at 3 o'clock and it is expected that a goodly crowd of rooters will be on hand.

Simpson will pitch the first part of the game for the picked team and Bryan will be behind the bat. The picked team will bat as follows: Roaten, lf.; John O'Hara, 2b.; Patten, 1b.; Land, ss.; Bryan, c.; Blanford, cf.; Rice, 3b.; Nixsen, rf.; Simpson, p. Several other players of the two teams will be substituted about the middle of the game.

The High school will use its regular lineup and the players expect to make a good showing against the peninsula leaguers. John Corbell will be on the firing line for the High school. The youngster is said to have an in-drop ball that is a puzzle and the High school rooters are backing him to hold the leaguers to few hits.

The proceeds of this game are to be devoted to defraying part of the cost of fixing up the park for the opening of the Peninsula League season. Next Saturday afternoon another benefit game will be played between the picked team of the North Enders and Athletics and the For Monroe league team.

JOHN I. VINEY HERE.

Newport News Man is Attached to
American Legation at Peking.

John I. Viney, formerly of this city, but who is now attached to the American legation at Peking, China, has arrived here to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Viney, at the Exchange Hotel.

Mr. Viney was appointed to the diplomatic service about two years ago and has since been stationed at Peking in the capacity of interpreter at the American legation.

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